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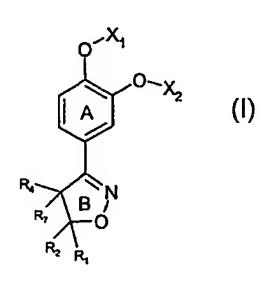
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Compounds of claim 1 in which R1 and R2 together form a ring (i. e. spirocondensed compounds), processes for their preparation (and for intermediates) and their use as PDE-IV inhibitors

2. claims: 1-5(part); 14(part), 17,18

Compounds of claim 1 in which R2 and R4 together form a ring (i. e. orthocondensed compounds), processes for their preparation and their use as PDE-IV inhibitors

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